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OF TRANSPORT WITH RESPECT TO OCTOBER 23-24

1973, PLENARY (BRUSSELS)

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1. AS ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE FROM REFTEL AND PLENARY GUIDANCE TELEGRAM BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL, ONE OF PRINCIPAL ACTIONS AT PLENARY WILL HOPEFULLY BE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION IS, HOWEVER, ONLY UMBRELLA FOR NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP TO IMPLEMENT ROAD SAFETY ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS. THEREFORE, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DESIRABLE FOR HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND PLENARY IN BRUSSELS AND THUS PERSONALLY INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN RESOLUTION COMMITMENTS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS PURPOSE WILL BE UNDERSECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN BARNUM.

2. IN THIS RESPECT, REQUEST AMBASSADORS (OR IN THEIR ABSENCE CHARGES) TRANSMIT TO MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS) THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM BARNUM.

BEGIN TEXT:

MY GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE COMMUNICATED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR INTENTION TO SEEK ADOPTION BY THE NATO COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) OF AN INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED TO AD REFERENDUM BY THE EXPERTS OF MANY OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY TRANSMITTED TO YOU BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, PROVIDES FOR A NATO MEMBER GOAL OF PREVENTING ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL

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NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS AND OF REDUCING PROGRESSIVELY THE TRAFFIC DEATH RATE IN NATO COUNTRIES. BUT PERHAPS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE, IT PROVIDES FOR INTENSIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEVISING BETTER PROGRAMS.

THE WORK THAT MANY OF THE NATO COUNTRIES (AND IN THE EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE FIELD, JAPAN AND SWEDEN)

HAVE UNDERTAKEN IN THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY HAS MADE IMPORTANT PROGRESS. WE ARE NOW FINISHING A FINAL REPORT TO CONTAIN IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS, MANY OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO MAKE OUR ROADWAYS SAFE. THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES THE INSTRUMENT FOR THAT EFFORT; BUT IT IS WORTH NOTHING AND WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE WITHOUT FIRM POLICY-LEVEL COMMITMENT OF OUR NATIONS TO FURTHER THE SERIOUS WORK REQUIRED FOR FEWER TRAFFIC DEATHS AND FEWER INJURIES WHICH WE SEEK. WE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD CONTINUE TO HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, AND WE CAN USE CCMS AS THE FORUM FOR EXCHANGING IDEAS.

THEREFORE, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO ATTEND THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS OCTOBER 23-24. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND I SHALL BE HERE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CONSIDER IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE POLICY-MAKERS IN ROAD SAFETY IN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES GIVE THEIR PERSONAL SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. I UNDERSTAND THE ROAD SAFETY ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 23. I WOULD BE VE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME FOR LUNCH ON THAT DAY. THIS LUNCHEON WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO GIVE ME A WELCOME CHANGE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH YOU AND DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL TRANSPORTATION INTEREST AND CONCERN.

IF FOR SOME REASON IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO ATTEND, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT SEND AN ALTERNATE AS YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION. I THINK WE CAN SHARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END TEXT.

3. FOR PARIS: THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THAT HAD LODGED OVERALL COORDINATION OF ROAD SAFETY POLICY OUTSIDE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IS FRANCE WHERE A SEPCIAL DELEGATE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, CHRISTIAN GERONDEAU, HAS BEEN NAMED IN THIS AREA. BARNUM WOULD WANT TO INVITE GERONDEAU IN ANY EVENT TO ATTEND PLENARY; HOWEVER, WE WOULD DEFER TO EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION ALSO TO BE COMMUNICATED TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (TO WHOM ORIGINAL TEXT OF ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION WAS SENT). KISSINGER

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